Proposed BDAC Functions During Program Implementation Interim Governance Structure

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The interim governance structure for CALFED includes the continuation of BDAC as a forum for public and stakeholder involvement and advise to CALFED. To prepare for the change from the planning to implementation phase of CALFED, the BDAC Charter will be amended to reflect the new functions.

The BDAC Work Group supported the functions listed below but emphasized that for BDAC to perform the functions successfully, a more direct and effective process of communication is needed between CALFED and BDAC. The Work Group proposed establishing a clearer feedback loop for how BDAC receives information, transmits recommendations to CALFED, and then receives responses from CALFED on how concerns or recommendations are addressed. The Work Group supported joint BDAC and Policy Group meetings or holding public Policy Group meetings as a means of improving BDAC and CALFED communication.

1. Advise CALFED on Program Implementation

BDAC will advise CALFED on general program implementation including guiding program direction, and balance and integration between the different program objectives. This includes review and advice on the annual CALFED program and funding priorities, and progress of major program elements such as the water management strategy and the integrated storage investigation.

2. Advise CALFED on Program Progress

BDAC will annually review and assess progress in achieving performance measures in all program areas. BDAC will review and advise CALFED on major adaptive management changes. BDAC will receive reports at least annually from the Science Review Panel responsible for CALFED program monitoring and assessment. BDAC will advise CALFED on responses to contingencies involving finance, governance and other issues.

3. Serve as Liaison between Public and CALFED

BDAC will provide a forum for communication of stakeholder and public concerns to CALFED. BDAC will review recommendations from BDAC Work Groups and subcommittees and forward recommendations as appropriate to CALFED. BDAC will meet jointly with CALFED Policy Group at least annually to assess program progress. BDAC members will also attend Policy Group meetings which are open to the public.